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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-10 remain in the application including independent claim 1. Claim 3 is indicated as allowable. Claims 2 and 3 have been incorporated into claim 1. Claims 2 and 3 are now cancelled.

The specification stands objected to for failure to provide proper antecedent basis for claim 8. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Proper antecedent basis for claim 8 is found at paragraph [17] of the subject application. Thus, applicant requests that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim 4 stands objected to under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 4 has been amended to recite that the positioning element is attached to the first holding element. Thus, applicant asserts that all 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejections have been overcome.

The examiner has indicated that claim 3 is allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 3, depends from claim 2, which depends from claim 1. Claims 2 and 3 have been incorporated into claim 1. Thus, claims 1 and 4-10 should now be in condition for allowance.

Please note that the term "first holding element" at line 7 of claim 1, and at lines 4 and 5-6 of claim 3, has been corrected to read "second holding element." As defined in claim 1, the second holding element is movable between the lowered and raised positions, not the first holding element.

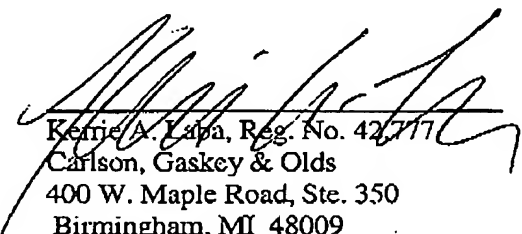
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Also, the other amendments to claims 1 and 4 and the amendments to claims 5-7 and 9 are not related to any objections or rejections set forth in the subject application. These amendments have solely been done to provide consistent terminology throughout the claims.

Claims 1-2, 4, and 9-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by DE 10130495. Claims 5-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE 10130495. These rejections are moot in light of the amendments discussed above.

Applicant believes that all claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests an indication of such. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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